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Claims 1-8 (Cancelled).

1 9 (Previously presented). The carrier of Claim 15
2 wherein said second portion of said upwardly extending upper
3 section is contoured curvilinearly downwards thereof between
4 extremities remote from said first portion of said upwardly
5 extending upper section.

Claim 10 (Canceled).

1 11 (Previously presented). The carrier of Claim 15
2 wherein said second portion of said downwardly extending
3 lower section is contoured curvilinearly upwards thereof
4 between extremities remote from said first portion of said
5 downwardly extending lower section.

1 12 (Previously presented). The carrier of Claim 15
2 wherein said first and second straps extend through said
3 first portion of said downwardly extending lower section.

Claims 13-14 (Canceled).

1 15 (Currently Amended). An infant and small child
2 carrier comprising:

3 a seat of substantially rigid material to bear
4 against the thigh of a wearer, said seat including:

5 ~~an open bottom~~ a top having an upwardly extending
6 upper section, a downwardly extending lower section, and a

7 pair of side

8 sections joining said upper and lower sections as a single
9 unit ~~restable on edge surfaces of said upper, lower and side~~
10 ~~sections;~~

11 a first strap through said lower section to
12 encircle the waist of the wearer; and

13 a second strap through said lower section coupled
14 with said first strap to extend across the chest, a shoulder,
15 and the back of the wearer;

16 wherein said upwardly extending upper section
17 includes a first portion of a first upwards angle and a
18 second portion contiguous therewith of a second, lesser
19 upwards angle with respect thereto, wherein said downwardly
20 extending lower section includes a first portion of a first
21 downwards angle and a second portion contiguous therewith of
22 a second, lesser downwards angle with respect thereto, and
23 wherein each of said side sections include a first portion of
24 a first downwards angle and a second portion contiguous
25 therewith of a second, lesser downwards angle with respect
26 thereto, and wherein each of said first portions of said
27 upwardly extending upper section, said downwardly extending
28 lower section and said pair of side sections are of a width
29 greater than a corresponding width of said second portion of
30 said upwardly extending upper section, said downwardly
31 extending lower section, and said pair of side sections; and
32 wherein said widths of said first portion of each
33 of said upwardly extending upper section, said downwardly

34 extending lower section, and said pair of side sections are
35 substantially equal.

1 16 (Previously presented). The carrier of Claim 15
2 wherein said widths of said second portions of said upwardly
3 extending upper section, said downwardly extending lower
4 section, and said pair of side sections are substantially
5 equal.

1 17 (Previously presented). The carrier of Claim 15
2 wherein each of said first angles of said upwardly extending
3 upper section, said downwardly extending lower section, and
4 said pair of side sections are substantially equal.

1 18 (Previously presented). The carrier of Claim 15
2 wherein each of said second angles of said upwardly extending
3 upper section, said downwardly extending lower section, and
4 said pair of side sections are substantially equal.

1 19 (Previously presented). The carrier of Claim 15
2 wherein said downwardly extending lower section is of a
3 length greater than the length of said upwardly extending
4 upper section.